

# Going Back West

Jimmy Cliff

I was born and raised in the ghetto  
Talk with me and you'll know  
I wasn't satisfied with living on the side  
I started looking around for a possibility  
But listen to my story, of what became of me

I met a businessman  
Who said he got some friends back East  
Said, "Why don't you come along?  
Well we could help you atleast"  
"Make you into a big star  
By playing your guitar"  
But the joke was on me  
They left me flat to see

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Where my music's playing all night  
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Think I'll do alright

Struggling for recognition, identity and respect  
I got a lot of promises, they told me not to fret  
Said, "We will stand by you  
If the going gets rough"  
But when I started sinking  
They didn't even bluff

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'Bout a year has come and gone  
And left me standing here  
Thinking how it could have been  
'Cause still I ain't nowhere

They surely took me for a ride  
Trampled on my pride  
But I'll hold my head up high  
Got no more tears to cry

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